

# BROOKLYN NEWS.

## AT THE BROOKLYN THEATRES.

De Wolf Hopper in "Panjandrum" at the Amphion Next Week.

"The New South" at the Park—Other Attractions.

De Wolf Hopper is again to visit Brooklyn and will be seen and heard at the Amphion Theatre during the coming week. The elongated comedian will be supported by several old favorites, among whom are Della Fox, Grace Golden, Marion Singer, Samuel Reed, Edmond Smith, Alfred Klein and others. Their best play, "Panjandrum," by Cheever Goodwin and W. L. Morse, which recently closed its long run at the Broadway Theatre in New York, will be presented with its original cast of principals, the same stage settings and costumes, properties and other effects. "Panjandrum" will be the attraction at the Columbia Theatre during Christmas week.

The announcement that the Bostonians will appear at the Columbia Theatre next week in the Koven's beautiful play, "Robin Hood," should be sufficient to fill the houses. The play is said to be a masterpiece, which includes Barnaby Rudge, Karl and MacDonald, Jessie Bartlett Davis, and other famous actors. The play will be supported by a large and experienced company, and the production is expected to be a great success.

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"Hoss and Hoss" in a new harness will be presented by Willie Collier at the new Bijou Theatre next week. The piece claims no authorship; it was written by the company, made by the company and is played by the company. Little by little as occasion suggested, funny lines have been introduced and new business given will be Collier's partners, James B. Gentry's hayseed songs, Sherman Wade's eccentric dances, Helena Collier's new pastoral movement, called "The Shepherdess," and a new dance by Louise Allen. Collier's comedy, "The Ostrich Dance," in which she will wear a costume made entirely of ostrich plumes. The quartet in still a feature of the entertainment, as are also "The Bowers of Hell" and "The Dollar Forty."

Mortimer's comedy, "The Ostrich Dance," will be produced at the Empire Theatre on Monday night. The company includes Emma Hill and Clarence Handysides are at the head of Max Rosenberg's production, which will remain at the Lee Avenue Academy next week, and will present "The Ostrich Dance." The company includes Emma Hill and Clarence Handysides are at the head of Max Rosenberg's production, which will remain at the Lee Avenue Academy next week, and will present "The Ostrich Dance."

Other interesting features are promised. The reduced scale of prices has increased the patronage of the theatre. Gus Hill's Novelties will be at the Gaiety Theatre next week. Among the attractions will be the Miller Bros. famous Diorama, a wonderful representation of the great World's Fair. They exhibit the Ferris Wheel, Midway Plaisance.

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## SAYS SHE WAS HELD UP.

Mrs. Rohman Tells of the Acts of Three Bold Robbers.

Brooklyn, rushed breathlessly into the police station at the top of her voice, and told the police that she had had a very exciting experience with three robbers. She declared that at 10 o'clock last night three young men came and asked for some sandwiches. As she began preparing them one of the men thrust a pistol in her face and said:

"Don't say a word or we'll shoot you." In spite of this command Mrs. Rohman said she would give them the sandwiches. The three men became frightened and ran out of the store. She described her callers as being about twenty-four years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, dressed in dark clothes and derby hats.

Detective Drum was detailed to investigate the case, and he reported that there were reasons for not believing the story.

STATS'S ASSAILANTS HELD.

Cut and Beaten by a Colored Couple in a Fight.

Andrew Jackson, fifty-six years, and Mary Clark, thirty-four years, both colored, were held by Judge Tighe in the Butler Street Police Court, Brooklyn, this morning to await the result of the injuries of Charles Staats, thirty-seven years old.

Staats was badly injured in a row with the prisoners yesterday. He and his assailants lived together at 480 De-grav street.

They were given some food by a charitable organization, and each wanted the largest share.

A fight ensued, and Jackson drew a razor and cut Staats, while the Clark woman struck the latter with a chair. The woman was arrested by Detective Murphy, of the Third Precinct. Jackson tried to escape, but was captured by Policeman Crow.

Staats is in a very critical condition at the Long Island College Hospital.

CENSURED THE COMPANY.

Atlantic Avenue Railroad Held Responsible for a Trolley Accident.

The jury in the inquest on the death of three-year-old John Mella, of 30 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, who was knocked down and killed by a Park Avenue trolley car near his home last Monday, this morning brought in a verdict holding the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company responsible for the boy's death, and censuring the officers of the company for not providing their cars with proper safeguards to prevent such accidents.

MORE MONEY FOR THE JORDANS.

Twelve Dollars and Twenty-five Cents Received This Morning.

This morning's mail brought additional donations to the family of John Jordan, 20 Knickerbocker avenue, Williamsburg, which was rescued from dire distress and starvation through "The Evening World's" efforts.

Among the subscriptions were 50 cents from Mrs. H. T. Reynolds, Neb.; \$1 from Mrs. K. A. McCarty, Brooklyn; \$2 from Mrs. J. J. Hayden, Iowa; \$25 from Mrs. H. J. Pierst, Hancock street, Brooklyn; \$1 from A. D. S., Brooklyn; \$5 from "Sympathy," \$5 from M. Kalin, East Sixty-third street, and \$1 from T. A. Watson.

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## REPUBLICANS TO CONTEST.

Justice Cullen Grants an Order for Taking Testimony.

Alleged Election Frauds to Be Thoroughly Probed.

The Republican candidates for the Assembly and Senate in Kings County who allege they were cheated out and defeated fraudulently at the recent election do not intend to wait until the last moment to fight their contest.

This morning Counselor George F. Elliott, representing William F. Kane, who, it is stated, was defeated by William Hughes in the seventh Assembly District by fraud, secured an order from Justice Cullen, returnable Dec. 17, requiring witnesses to appear before a Justice of the Supreme Court and give testimony to be used in the contest.

The order names Frank T. Reeve, Gustave W. Thompson and Edwin J. Chapman as the witnesses to be examined, but gives Mr. Kane the right to call as many other witnesses as he chooses.

Mr. Elliott says he will apply for similar orders in the case of William H. Dwyer against James H. Graham, in the Sixth Assembly District; William Dwyer against W. T. Plant, in the First Assembly District; and Michael J. Coffey, in the Second Assembly District.

200 HEIRS TO \$10,000.

Comptroller Myers May Get \$50 of Hetty Matilda Gomez's Estate.

When Hetty Matilda Gomez died in this city Dec. 5 last, at the age of ninety-five years, she left the house and lot at 117 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, but did not leave any will as to how it should be disposed of.

The property is only worth about \$10,000, and there are about two hundred people entitled to a share of it. Papers in a partition suit have just been filed by Lawyer Edgar J. Nathan in the Brooklyn County Clerk's office, so that the property can be sold and distributed.

The old lady had lived alone for many years previous to her death, and interest in the suit centers in the number of persons made defendant in this suit, and their standing in the community. She left neither husband, sister, child nor brother surviving, and in order to find the owners, the lawyers have had to go back into the last century and trace out the genealogy of the Hendricks-Gomez-Nathan families, all of whom are interested.

Among the defendants are the children of the late Washington Nathan, Comptroller Myers, whose wife was a Miss Hart, and Edmond Hendricks.

Another suit, with about one hundred defendants of the same family connections, has been brought to establish the trusts created by the will of Charlotte Gomez, sister of Matilda, who died before the latter, at the age of seventy-five years.

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## BEFORE THE GRAND JURY.

Seven Commercial Bank Directors Called Upon to Testify.

Great Anxiety Felt Over Possible Indictments.

Great anxiety was depicted upon the faces of several well-known business men who gathered in the little ante-room adjoining the chamber of the Grand Jury in the Brooklyn Court-House this morning.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the grand in- quistors took up the investigation into the methods of conducting the defunct Commercial Bank, which went under Aug. 12.

Since the Grand Jury began its examination many witnesses have been called to testify. Representatives of the de- positors' organization have thrown considerable light upon the alleged rotten- ness of the concern. Receiver Dykman and State Banking Supt. Charles F. Preston have also been examined under oath.

The depositors have charged that the officials made false reports of the condition of the bank; that the institution not only received deposits but continued to pay dividends after the officials knew or ought to have known that it was insolvent.

The witnesses summoned to appear to- day included seven of the nine directors— John H. Longwell, David W. Bunn, Rufus Resig, John Wilson, Robertson Gill, George Malcolm and James Locke. It was expected that the testimony of the directors would be of great importance.

The Grand Jury will probably make known the result of their inquiry on Tuesday or Friday.

Little Damage by the Explosion.

DOVER, N. J., Dec. 16.—The damage done by the explosion at the American Electric Power company, near this place, was not as large as first reported. It occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock in one of the nitro-glycerine tanks located some distance from the powder buildings at Lake Hughes. The acid and the nitro-glycerine, which were flowing into the tank, caused a friction which ignited the acid and resulted in the explosion. The tank was blown to pieces. Watchmen Todd and Johnson, who were on the grounds at the time of the explosion and who were reported to have been killed, turned up alive this morning.

Several Marine Disasters.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—Several marine disasters were reported by vessels arriving in this port. The steam freighter and tug Edna collided near the Lighthouse light and the cook of the latter, a colored man, was knocked overboard and drowned. The Brazilian bark Maria Helmar, coming from Santos, lost sails and rigging in a hurry and the schooner Mar Brown went a leak in the Chesapeake River and sank on the way to Grace Bay. The crew was saved.

Wealthy Farmer Struck by a Train.

RIVERHEAD, L. I., Dec. 16.—John Wark, wealthy, retired farmer of this place, as strug- ging to-day to the railroad station here, he was struck by a train on the Long Island Railroad, severing his legs, and he is now in a critical condition. He cannot live.

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